Ayrshire LGBT development group
The Ayrshire Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Development Group is a multi-agency partnership working together to improve the lives of LGBT individuals living, studying and working in Ayrshire and Arran. The group has representatives from the local authorities, police, health, education and third sector organisations as well as LGBT specific organisations such as LGBT Youth Scotland and the Terrence Higgins Trust Scotland.

February is LGBT History month and the Group are undertaking a number of activities to raise awareness. Below is a list of what’s happening across Ayrshire and Arran:

**Tuesday 27th January 2015 at 6.00 pm**
The National Scottish Holocaust Memorial Event 2015 – View the ‘Gathering of Voices’ Exhibition in the Council Chamber followed by the Memorial Event at 6.30 pm in the Main Hall. This event is by invite only.

**End of January 2015 (NHS Ayrshire & Arran)**
Message Board information in all staff payslips on LGBT Awareness and work towards achievement of LGBT Charter Foundations Award.

**February 2015 – May 2015 (LGBT Development Group)**
The LGBT Development Group will be conducting an Ayrshire wide survey to allow us to gain a clearer understanding of the needs of people who are LGBT, what support is available and what further support we need to develop.

**February 2015 – April 2015 (LGBT Development Group)**
The LGBT Development Group will be inviting people to design a logo for the LGBT Development Group to provide us with a branding which will become recognisable across Ayrshire and Arran.

**February 2015 (South Ayrshire Council)**
The Council will be supporting LGBT History Month by promoting and raising awareness of LGBT within various Youth Provisions, Schools and to Partner Organisations. Follow Twitter @YoungScotSA or Facebook YoungScotSA for updates throughout the month.

**Beginning of February 2015 (East Ayrshire Council)**
East Ayrshire Council Headquarters, London Road, Kilmarnock

East Ayrshire Council will raise the Rainbow Flag at their headquarters to mark the beginning of LGBT History Month.
Monday 2nd February 2015 from 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Ayrshire College (Ayr Campus), Dam Park, Ayr, KA8 0EU

One of NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s sexual health nurses will be available at the Ayr Campus to offer people the following support:

• Information and advice;
• Free condoms/lube via the c-card scheme;
• Dental dams; and
• Chlamydia and gonorrhoea testing.

Tuesday 3rd February 2015 from 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Ayrshire College (Kilmarnock Campus), Holehouse Road, Kilmarnock

One of NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s sexual health nurses will be available at the Kilmarnock Campus to offer people the following support:

• Information and advice;
• Free condoms/lube via the c-card scheme;
• Dental dams; and
• Chlamydia and gonorrhoea testing.

Tuesday 17th February 2015 from 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm
Ayrshire College (Kilwinning Campus), Lauchlan Way, Kilwinning, KA13 6DE

One of NHS Ayrshire & Arran’s sexual health nurses will be available at the Kilwinning Campus to offer people the following support:

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• Dental dams; and
• Chlamydia and gonorrhoea testing.
Tuesday 17th February 2015 from 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Ayrshire College (Kilmarnock Campus), Holehouse Road, Kilmarnock

Conversation Cafe – The aim of the conversation cafe is to engage with and listen to the experiences of LGBT people living in Ayrshire, service providers and NHS Services. To open dialogue and identify and discuss opportunities for better support in areas such as education, health and the community as a whole.

With this in mind, we welcome LGBT people, non-LGBT people and various service providers to attend a cafe and #JoinTheConversation about LGBT life in Ayrshire. Please email sara.turkington@ayrshire.ac.uk by 30th January to book a place.

Thursday 19th February 2015 from 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm
Ayrshire College (Kilwinning Campus), Lauchlan Way, Kilwinning, KA13 6DE

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Monday 23rd February 2015 - LGBT Awareness Training from 9.15 am – 1.00 pm
Room 1, Alexander Fleming Education Centre, Crosshouse Hospital, Kilmarnock

A three and a half hour training session to raise awareness of the issues facing LGBT people. By the end of the course you will:

• have an increased understanding of LGBT issues in Ayrshire and Arran
• have an increased understanding of the health and social care issues and needs of those identifying as being LGB & T
• have an increased understanding of stigma and discrimination issues
• have increased awareness of referral pathways and support available both locally and nationally.
**Wednesday 25th February 2015 from 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm**  
Ayrshire College (Ayr Campus), Dam Park, Ayr, KA8 0EU

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**Friday 27th February 2015**
Purple Friday – The last Friday of LGBT History Month is Purple Friday. To mark the last Friday of LGBT History month we are asking anyone who stands up against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia to wear purple and tweet us their #Purpleselfie

**Saturday 28th February 2015**
The OpeNAyrshire Group will be performing an insightful drama production highlighting the issues that young LGBT people face living in Ayrshire. The event will also give the opportunity to meet the young people, network and enjoy a buffet and some celebration 2nd birthday cake. This event is by invite only.